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1958 Wholesale List

Dahlias



DAHLIAS

My Grandmother's Favorite Flower

Novelty Dahlias

MINIMUM ORDER—\$5.00

5¢ per bulb extra in less than 5 of a variety.

ARTHUR GODFREY—Formal Decorative

Beautiful Orient red with orange or buff shadings. A real GIANT and great prize-winner. Blooms 12x6. Very highly recommended. Good root maker and blooms profusely26

AXFORD TRIUMPH—Informal Decorative

A large Australian variety which is becoming very popular with many growers. Color is apricot to orange, giving a general tan effect. Plants are robust with good foliage and giant flowers28

BEAUTIFUL LADY—Formal Decorative

Bright lemon yellow. 8-10 inch blooms, good stems, bush 5-6 feet tall. Rugged grower, insect resistant foliage, profuse and early. A good root maker and they keep well30

BLUE HORIZON—Informal Dec.

Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal and Honor Roll Dahlia. Large blooms of French Violet with a decided blue cast. Long pointed petals with absolutely tight centers. Good stiff stem holds the flower well out of the foliage. Bush tall (six feet) and low branching. This dahlia has always won the blue ribbon whenever shown. Excellent keeping qualities, on the bush and when cut21

BRIDE OF TEXAS—Formal Decorative

A white dahlia of excellent form and grace. It has a bloom of 7 inches on a good stiff stem. Keeps when cut and makes tubers11

CHARLOTTE CALDWELL—Ball

An excellent dahlia for landscaping. This sturdy bush is covered with russet tan blooms from early to late. Good bulbs and insect resistant22

COMMANDO—Formal Decorative

A clear shade of lavender or true phlox purple and very bright. Large clean flowers from 10 to 14 inches and held on long stiff stems. An achievement medal winner30

DAHLIAMUM—Informal Decorative

A striking new type of informal. Very similar to a huge Japanese Chrysanthemum. Color a bright Cadium apricot with a golden sheen. The extra long petals recurve to stem, forming a very deep flower which is held erect on long stiff stems. Blooms average 12 inches by 10 inches. Even under ordinary field culture the centers are always full75

DIXIE'S WINE DOT—Informal Decorative

Variegated. Color white or orchid, wavy petals flecked and dotted light ampro purple and also deep rhodamine purple. Size 10 to 12 inches. Do not disbud and debranch too much. This unusual dahlia is beautiful in any garden45

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FLORISTS BEAUTY—Formal Decorative

Beautiful long stemmed red with white tips. Good cut flower18

FRED SPRINGER—Informal Decorative

A beautiful bright red to scarlet with foliage of lacy appearance. This Dahlia is highly recommended for border or hedge purposes; a row of it has the appearance of a well trimmed hedge with many blooms18

GYPSY GIRL—Formal Decorative

An odd and striking color combination of rosaline pink, flecked and streaked dahlia purple. Fine stems and a good keeper. It can win in the best show competition. Size 5x2½28

HASLEROVA—Informal Decorative

Bi-color, grayish white background with rich royal purple dots and splashes15

HUNT'S VELVET WONDER—Inf. Dec.

Has the distinction of receiving a special award of merit at the New York Show. It is an excellent keeper for so huge a flower. Color is rich, bright violet burgundy which under some lights looks royal purple15

IDA DE VER WARNER—Formal Decorative

Large lavender. Very good. One of the best dahlias grown12

JAMES KIRBY—Informal Decorative

A standard red dahlia that has been on the market for years. It holds up very good when cut11

JERSEYS BEAUTY—Formal Decorative

A perfect bloom of erosion pink. The best pink dahlia to date18

KENTUCKY—Formal Decorative

This is the best sport of Jersey beauty that we have found. The flowers equal or surpass its parent. Color is a rich salmon pink. Long stems, excellent cut flower and good keeper18

KENTUCKY SUN—Formal Decorative

A clear bright, glistening yellow, of giant size. Free blooming and keeps excellent when cut12

KING OF BLACKS—Formal Decorative

One of the outstanding black red dahlias on the market today. It is a very early bloomer and the flowers extend well above the foliage. A good root maker25

LAVENDER CALDWELL—Ball

Sport of Charlotte Caldwell. Very fine blooming. Low growth. Doesn't need staking. Several blooms at one time25

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MAFFIE—Semi-Cactus

Bloom 12x6, bush 6 ft. Intense carmine red of stupendous size. Bush growth is very rugged and foliage exceptionally heavy..... .50

MARGARET WOODROW WILSON—Inf. Dec.

Opalescent pink. Huge flowers of exhibition type. Another of our favorites and it always attracts attention. Don't be without it14

MILTON J. CROSS—Informal Dec.

An immense flower of rich yellow-buff, the outer petals flushed with rosy amber. Winner of five firsts, including three Achievement Medals. Long stiff stems; good grower11

MONARCH OF THE EAST—For. Dec.

Color warm gold with apricot and orange buff suffusion; slightly coppery red on reverse. Grand stem up to 4 ft.; holds giant flower above bush. Size 12 to 14 inch blooms and fine for exhibition. We recommend this32

MRS. JAMES ALBIN—Formal Decorative

A florist variety. Bloom 7x4. Color is clear yellow. We highly recommend this dahlia for cutting. Blooms fairly early and continues till frost. Stems long and strong, bushes very healthy and free branching. Very good08

NEGUS—Formal Decorative

We consider this the best black dahlia. Plants extremely robust, long stems, insect resisting. Try it on our recommendation. Good size blooms, held erect..... .22

NEW YORK MARKET—Formal Decorative

A beautiful long stem white dahlia. Excellent keeping qualities after cutting. Good root maker. Early in season centers are tinged with lavender, but would be call a double white flower..... .09

OGDEN REID—Informal Decorative

A giant flower of French rose pink with yellow base. Cane-like stems, vigorous grower and a good bloomer. One of the best big pinks. Good root-maker and eyes freely15

OAKLEIGH CHAMPION—Incurved Cactus

Straw yellow heavily overlaid with rhodamine pink. This is one of the best cactus dahlias. Finely formed on long stems. Free bloomer18

PREMIERS WINSOME—Informal Decorative

A clear, light mellow pink. Bloom 11x6. Bush 4½ ft. This is a very reliable and free bloomer, many canes producing the very large and lasting flowers steadily over a long season. All plants for us are strong and vigorous..... .24

RED JERSEY BEAUTY—Informal Decorative

A nice red dahlia the size and shape of Jersey Beauty. Used generally for cut flowers14

ROSE FALLON—Formal Decorative

Very fine flower of pleasing shades of amber, russet and salmon..... .28

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ROSE GLORY—Formal Decorative

Always vigorous, healthy, free-blooming, on long stems. Very long-keeping and a lovely deep rose-pink in color..... .14

RUFFLES—Informal Decorative

Long stemmed dahlia, 10-inch bloom (larger when disbudded). Beautiful shell pink with ruffles on both sides of petals60

SON OF SATAN—Cactus

An incurved cactus flame red with excellent stems. This sensational four Honor Roll Dahlia is the strongest and most vigorous grower in our collection. The flowers are large and attractive..... .25

THE COMMODORE—Informal Decorative

Very large, free blooming, yellow. Where the size of 10 inch blooms is wanted in profusion this is the variety to choose..... .24

THE REAL GLORY—Formal Decorative

Giant pure white. Bush 5-6 ft., with long stems. This is perhaps the most reliable large white and has been for several years28

VICTORY—Formal Decorative

A beautiful large salmon pink. Flowers held erect on long stiff stem. A good cut flower erect on long stiff stem. A good cut flower09

MINIATURE AND POMPON DAHLIAS

ANDRIES ORANGE—Semi-Cactus Min.

An ideal cut flower and very free blooming. The color is bright orange blending very well with fall colors. Good healthy stock and long stems..... .15

BRONZE BEAUTY—Pompon

Orange to bronze yellow; long stem, and upright15

RICKEY—Informal Decorative

A bright red and white variegated. This outstanding variety is 3½ to 4 inches in diameter45

SHERRY—Pompon

A good lavender for cut flowers. Free blooming15

SPECIAL SEED HOUSE COLLECTION—No. 1

100 Bulbs consisting of 10 each of 10 named varieties from this list. (Our selection.) Made up of all different colors. This group of dahlias are especially selected for Seed Stores or Florists to resell..... 9.90

DAHLIAS FROM OUR GARDENS ARE OF VERY GOOD QUALITY AND NOT EXPENSIVE, THEREFORE BUY YOUR DAHLIAS FROM A SPECIALIST!



This catalogue includes a fine collection of commercial cutflower varieties in several sizes, as well as large flowering dahlias for the garden.

OUR BULBS ARE GOVERNMENT INSPECTED

Stock offered are strong divisions of field clumps.

We guarantee all shipments to be sent out in good growing condition, plump, true to name and of standard size.

All complaints must be made within ten (10) days after receipt of shipment. (Except being true to name, and that as soon as possible.)

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Dahlia bulbs shipped by express are rated as second class and are listed as perishable.

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If no postage is included with parcel post order, we will send C. O. D. for postage.

BE SURE TO SEND POSTAGE. Any extra postage will be returned promptly.

GOOD PLUMP BULBS FOR RESALE

Culture and Care of DAHLIAS

Plant dahlias in spring after the ground is warm and danger of frost is past. From May 10th to June 10th in the central states. Lay tubers flat and cover four to six inches deep. Plant two feet apart in the rows and rows three to four feet apart.

Don't plant close to trees or large shrubbery on account of the tree roots using all the moisture. It is not advisable to plant on the south or west side of a building on account of the sun reflecting too hot on the plants. Always plant where the ground is well drained. Dahlias will grow in any good soil from pure sand to stiff clay, if water and fertilizer are added when needed. They usually bloom nicely without any water or additional fertilizer in the average garden where it will grow good potatoes and vegetables, if cultivated properly.

Cultivate dahlias each week and water occasionally. When dahlias begin to bud and bloom, stop cultivating but keep the weeds out; give the plants a good liberal dressing of bone meal, cow manure, sheep manure, or any fertilizer that is not too strong or has a tendency to burn the plant, keeping manure six inches away from the plant, and water thoroughly once each week, or mulch over manure with straw or lawn clippings. Drive a strong stake about ten inches from plant and tie the plant to prevent it blowing over.

Early in the season insects eat on the buds and flowers. When flowers open only on one side this is because the bud was stung when smaller. Examine your buds and you can detect this by a small black speck on the side of the bud where it has healed over.

Where large blooms are wanted, take all but three of the largest buds off, leaving all the strength to the three buds and they will be of enormous size.

When frost kills the plants in the fall, lift tubers carefully and cut off the stalks; then pack carefully in boxes with dirt or wrap with paper and put in paper cartons. Store in basement where they will not freeze or dry out. Leave in storage until planting time the next spring.

CANNAS: In Central States plant in April as soon as ground is warm. Beautiful flowers from mid-summer to frost. Care and planting, same as dahlias.

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